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the boy he is charged with abusing spent a night at Harren's apartment at 2616 2nd Av. S., Minneapolis.

The complaint against McNellis said that on one occasion, he forced sex on the girl when she refused his advances.

The girl, now 16, had known McNellis for several years while they were both studying at the theater school. According to the complaint, the girl began to see McNellis regularly after their first sexual episode and that they continued to have sex, sometimes after sneaking into McNellis's quarters in Donahue's basement.

The complaint said the girl told investigators that on one occasion, they had sex in the shower room at the theater.

Arrest records show McNellis' present address as 454 Holly Av., St. Paul. His last apprenticeship at the school ended several years ago, according to Children's Theatre spokeswoman Marcy Dowse, but he played the role of Babar in the production of "The Adventures of Babar," which closed Jan. 29.

Harren, a part-time dance and movement teacher for two years, taught his last class at Children's Theatre earlier this week and was planning to join the Nikolais Dance Theater in New York City, Dowse said. He also was in the school's production of "Babar" this year.

Hennepin County attorney Tom Johnson said the identities of Harren and McNellis became known to in-

vestigators Monday when the victims gave statements to the BCA. Johnson said the investigation of child abuse at Children's Theatre will continue, but he would not say how many others are under investigation.

Soon after Donahue's arrest in April four members of the Children's Theatre staff were suspended or took leaves of absence, but so far no charges have been brought against any of them.

Johnson would not say whether theater administrators are thought to have known of sexual acts involving Harren or McNellis and students. Dowse said she didn't know if theater administrators were aware of the allegations against the two before their arrests yesterday. "From what we understand (yesterday's arrests) weren't what the investigators expected," Dowse said. "This came from new information."

Johnson said he was "encouraged by the results of the investigation." He declined to say if a grand jury would be called to complete the inquiry into sexual abuse at the theater.

Ann Barkelew, who yesterday was elected president of the theater board's new executive committee, said board members "mainly had questions of clarification" about the arrests.

"It reaffirms the board's commitment to resolving the issues and keeping children our No. 1 priority," she said.

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